

ODD FELLOWS

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paign. The Broad Oaks delegation numbered several hundred and they formed an imposing spectacle as they marched down Main street from the First Presbyterian church to the tabernacle headed by Mayor Reger. The Junior Order of American Mechanics with its ladies' auxiliary, the Daughters of America, had a good representation as did the Red Men and the Daughters of Pocahontas. Dr. Hamilton briefly explained the principles of each of these orders and gave them to the service.

The sermon, "The Great Salvation," was up to the usual standard of the evangelist's strong messages. It was an appeal for men and women not to neglect the day of their redemption. It was a sermon that would touch the thoughtful and cause the careless to take stock of the future. As a result of the appeal sixteen persons took their stand and decided they would neglect no longer.

A number of auxiliary meetings were held today in various parts of the city by members of the party.

The sermon of last night follows in part:

"The Great Salvation."
Hebrews 2:3. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

"If you ask me how you shall escape, if you neglect Christ, I answer, 'I do not know.' Ask the angels who tell their faces before God how you shall escape, and they would say, 'We don't know.'"

"Ask Christ how you shall escape if you neglect him, and He would say, 'These shall go away into everlasting punishment.' Ask God how you shall escape, and He answers, 'They that have done evil shall come forth unto the resurrection of life. They that have done evil shall come forth unto the resurrection of damnation.' How shall you escape, there is none, there never can be, there never shall be an escape for you if you neglect the Son of God."

"How can you be lost? Just neglect Christ. Drift on. Neglect on. It is easy to drift, it is easy to neglect, that is why there is such a multitude on the road to destruction. It is easy going. It requires no effort just to drift with the current. Some one has said, 'Hell is paved with good intentions.'"

"An old editor took me around to show me some interesting historic scenes of the South. He was a student of the Koran. One thing he quoted over and over was, 'It is not the infidel, not the gambler and profane man, not the drunkard and the wicked, but he who knows the Truth and will not obey the Truth, to him the gates of Paradise shall be forever closed.' That sounds like the Bible. 'He who knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.' You know the truth and you have not obeyed the truth and for you to drift on is to have the gates of Paradise closed against you forever."

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"I have known fathers to die for their children. I have known husbands to die for their wives and wives to die for their husbands. I know One who came not to save His friends, but His enemies. When we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. He died in your place; He bore our sins in His own body on the tree. By His stripes we are healed."

"It is a great salvation because it saves from guilt and condemnation. If any one says he has not sinned he deceives himself and the truth is not in him. If any one says he has not sinned he makes God a liar and His word is not in him. It is a great salvation because it saves from hell. It saves from the wrath of God. It saves from the pit whose smoke of torment ascendeth forever and ever. Any place in heaven is better than a hell like that. Let me have a little back room in the mansions in heaven rather than have the most prominent place in hell."

"It is a great salvation because it is the only salvation and the only salvation. There is no other. There is none other name under heaven given by men whereby we must be saved. Christ said, 'If ye believe not on Me ye shall die in your sins.' If gold and silver were as plentiful as coal they would not be regarded as valuable. If diamonds were as plentiful as sand no one would pick them up. If there were other ways by which men could be saved than by the way of Christ, by way of the cross, then Christ would not be so precious unto us, but He is the only way."

"Charles Spurgeon in one of his sermons urged upon his congregation to go home and thoughtfully sit down and write their names and after it the word 'Saved' or 'Lost' as they believed it really ought to be. A mother was in that congregation and his mind was heavy for her husband and son. When she arrived at home she resolved to do what Mr. Spurgeon had asked. She got a pen and paper and she told her family who were not there what she had been asked to do; they were to write their names and after it 'Saved' or 'Lost' as the case might be."

"She wrote her own name Sarah Mitchell, 'Saved.' She handed the pen to her eldest daughter and she wrote Lucy Mitchell, 'Saved.' It was her son's turn. She had been anxious to know his real mind. He took the pen

and wrote Harry Mitchell, 'Saved.' This was his first committal of his acceptance of Jesus Christ. Then the youngest of the family wrote Alice Mitchell, 'Saved.' The husband said, 'Pass the paper to me.' He took it and wrote George Mitchell and he was about to write 'Lost,' but before he could write the word his wife seized his hand. She said, 'George you shall not write that. 'No, no, father,' cried the children, 'you must not write that.' He tried to throw them off playfully but they stood around him in tears. He broke down and gave his life to Christ and when he had finished writing, it was George Mitchell, 'Saved.' What would you honestly have to write after your name, 'Saved' or 'Lost'? If you have the Son of God home, they fled. When it was held up before infidels they bowed their knees and worshipped the Christ. I know nothing about the truth of this but I do know that Jesus came to bring life to snap the shackles of sin and to set men free."

"It is a great salvation because of its scope. It includes all. All races, all nations, all peoples whether rich or poor. Whosoever will may come." A friend of mine told me he went with a man of wealth to one of our orphan homes in Cleveland to select a child for adoption. My friends said it was the most pathetic scene of his life. The matron of the home told the children that a very rich man with a beautiful home was coming to the home that day to select one of them to adopt as his child. Because of the importance of the man the matron did what she was not in the habit of doing, she had the children brought in by twos and fours. They were all dressed attractively. They all came before him with the vision of a fine home. They tried to look pleasant and winsome. After the man of wealth had spoken with them to draw them out they would return and others would come in. They all wanted to be his child, but after he had seen them all he refused to adopt any of them. You can come to Christ with a true vision of becoming a child of God, or becoming an heir of God to inherit all things. As you are now if you would make application for membership in some of the lodges you might be blackballed. As you are some of the churches would not receive you, but as you are Jesus Christ will receive you. "For to as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God even to them that believed on His name."

"It is a great salvation because it saves from the power of sin. 'Thou shalt call His name Jesus because

He shall save His people from their sins.' There is a legend which has come down to us of Jesus going up the sad way to Calvary and the streets were lined on either side with jeering, mocking people but some pitied Him. There was a woman who handed Him her kerchief that He might wipe the perspiration from His face. He took the kerchief and wiped His face and imprinted on the kerchief in the very fabric the imprint of His face. The story goes on to say that when that kerchief was laid on the diseased new life and strength came to them. When it was spread on the face of the dead, the dead arose in the joy of life. When it was shaken in the presence of demons, they fled. When it was held up before infidels they bowed their knees and worshipped the Christ. I know nothing about the truth of this but I do know that Jesus came to bring life to snap the shackles of sin and to set men free."

"In 1886 there was a conversion of a young man in this country that made a great sensation over our nation. The account of it was blazed abroad in secular and religious press. Col. Clark and Harry Monroe with some consecrated redeemed men of the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago were holding gospel services on the street corner, State and Van Buren. I hear Harry Monroe say, 'I saw four young fellows approaching the crowd what is known as Whiskey Row. They put up the front of four dead game sports. They were about half shot. Three of the men stood, the fourth sat down on the curb and buried his face in his hands and began to weep. Harry said, 'I said not know what to think of it, but later I found it was the sacred memories of his mother's prayers, of his home in Ames, Ia. of a fond Sunday school teacher, and of a faithful preacher, who preached in the little old church when he was a boy. As the service continued the invitation was given and a number asked for prayer. Harry asked, 'Is there one more man in this crowd who has the backbone and nerve to say, 'Pray for me'? Immediately the man sitting on the curb jumped to his feet and said, 'Yes, sir. Pray for me.' When prayer was concluded this young man burst out, 'God helping me from this time on I will give my heart to Jesus Christ and live for Him.' Turning to his old chums he took each one by the hand and said, 'Boys I am done.' Among those in the crowd were Silver Flint Dalrymple of the old White Sox fame. Mike Keiley, known to the baseball fans of his day as the ten thousand dollar beauty. That young man on the curb was none other than Billy Sunday. That day on that street curb Christ saved in my judgment the most remarkable preacher of his kind in the history of the Christian church. What Christ did for Billy Sunday. He can do for you. Jesus is mighty to save. 'Tell the tidings far and wide, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.'"

"It is a great salvation because it saves to the end. It is salvation now; it is salvation forever. 'Kept by the power of God through faith to the end.' Salvation from the uttermost to the uttermost. I have a friend who tells of an engineer on one of the railroads, running out of New York City. This engineer is an earnest Christian and he addressed a large number of men of his road. As he closed his address he said, 'I can't begin to tell you what Jesus Christ is to me. He has given me a hope that is very precious.' He said, 'Some years ago every night as I neared the

end of my run I would look up to the top of a hill where stood a little cottage and as we rushed down the cut I would pull upon the whistle and let out a blast when an old lady would come out to the door and wave her hand at me and as we shot into the tunnel she would go into the house and say, 'Thank God father, Bennie is safe home tonight.' But the day came when we carried mother out and laid her to rest. Then night after night when I pulled the whistle an old man would come to the door and wave his hand to me and I could almost hear him say, 'Thank God Bennie is safe home tonight.' But now,

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said the engineer, 'they are both gone and although I look up many times, I do not see anyone to welcome me home, but some day when I have pulled the whistle for the last time and made my last trip I shall come to the pearly gates, and I am sure as I draw near I shall see an old lady waiting at the entrance with an old man and as I enter I shall see my dear old mother turn to father and say, 'Thank God father, Bennie is safe home at last.' 'Safe home at last.' If I had no other reason I would want to be a follower of Jesus Christ to meet my friends and my loved ones who are now in glory. You have a thousand reasons to turn to Christ. If you will turn to Him and love Him. He will say, 'I give unto you eternal life, thou shalt never per-

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